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Note verbale dated 10 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006). In accordance with paragraph 40 of resolution 2270 (2016), in which the Security Council called upon all States to report to the Council within 90 days of the adoption of the resolution, and thereafter upon request by the Committee, on concrete measures taken to implement effectively the provisions of said resolution, the Permanent Mission attaches herewith the detailed report to the Committee on the concrete measures taken to implement the provisions of the resolution (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale of 10 October 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

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Report of Costa Rica on implementation of Security Council resolution 2270 (2016)

Costa Rica has the honour to submit this report on its implementation of the provisions of Security Council resolution 2270 (2016), pursuant to paragraph 40 thereof.

Under article 7 of the Political Constitution of the Republic of Costa Rica, public treaties, international agreements and concordats take precedence over legislation and, as a Member State of the United Nations since 2 November 1945, Costa Rica must ensure compliance with the provisions of texts issued by the Organization, in particular those of its principal organs.

The Office of the President of the Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Costa Rica signed Executive Decree No. 39943-RE of 6 October 2016, by which all central government institutions are instructed, and all decentralized government units are urged, to take all appropriate measures to give full effect to the provisions of resolution 2270 (2016).

In particular, the following specific national measures have been implemented to comply with resolution 2270 (2016):

Costa Rica has a Financial Intelligence Unit that is responsible for the immediate freezing of financial flows and other assets and coordinates directly with entities of the national financial system and the register of movable and immovable property and legal persons.

The Office of the Attorney General of the Republic of Costa Rica has a special unit to process international requests, and the judicial police force has the office of the special prosecutor for money-laundering and a special money-laundering section, which works in coordination with the Financial Intelligence Unit.

Costa Rica adopted Act No. 7786, as amended, through article 33 *bis* of Amendment No. 9387 of August 2016, which includes, among other aspects, the implementation of targeted financial sanctions pursuant to Security Council resolutions on the financing of terrorism and non-proliferation related to the effective implementation of Financial Action Task Force recommendations 6 and 7. Article 33 *bis* provides the normative basis for the prompt implementation of targeted financial sanctions.

Once it received notice of the provisions of resolution 2270 (2016), the Financial Intelligence Unit immediately provided the institutions referred to in articles 14, 15 and 15 *bis* of Act No. 7786 and its amendments, and the national registry, with the lists and designations referred to in annexes I and II to that resolution. In accordance with that communication, those institutions should proceed with the freezing or immediate blocking, without prior notification or

hearings, of all financial proceeds, money, assets and immovable or movable property, and report thereon to the Unit within a maximum period of 24 hours.

The Financial Intelligence Unit also disseminated the information contained in annexes I and III of resolution 2270 (2016) to the Directorate of Intelligence and National Security of the Ministry of the Presidency, the National Coastguard Service and the Airport Police of the Ministry of Public Security, so that they can take the corresponding measures in the areas of interdiction and transportation, as well as measures concerning the flow of people at border posts.

The Directorate of Technical Management of the General Customs Directorate is identifying studies that could be carried out with a view to implementing an alert that places greater emphasis on transactions involving the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and concerning the entry or exit of goods listed in resolution 2270 (2016). As at this date, there are no records at the Department of Statistics and Records of the Directorate of Technical Management of imports from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Directorate General for Migration and Alien Affairs uses a combined software system, namely Interpol FIND-*Sistema de Movimiento Migratorio Electrónico* (electronic immigration movement system), to record in real time any foreigners attempting to enter the national territory with a document or passport reported as lost or stolen, thereby minimizing the risk of a foreigner attempting to enter under an assumed identity. Pursuant to the obligations contained in resolution 2270 (2016), the Directorate General for Migration and Alien Affairs implemented a ban on the entry of the persons referred to in annex I of the resolution by means of alerts in the system, with the aim of preventing the entry or transit of such individuals into or through Costa Rican territory.

In connection with paragraph 13 of resolution 2270 (2016), on the presence and participation of any diplomat, government representative or other national of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea who is acting in an official capacity and working on behalf of or at the direction of a designated individual or entity, there is no person accredited as a diplomat or national performing functions for that country on Costa Rican territory.

Finally, in connection with paragraphs 33 and 34 of resolution 2270 (2016) Costa Rica can confirm that no banks or branches or representative offices of banks of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea operate in Costa Rica, and there are no Costa Rican financial institutions operating in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.